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Examiner: H. Gutman)
Applicant(s): J. Melotik et al.)
Serial No.: 09/681,166)
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For: INTEGRATED EXTENDABLE LOAD)
FLOOR ASSEMBLY FOR VEHICLES)

AMENDMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 14, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please substitute amended claims 1, 8, 14, 20, and 21 as follows for the pending claims with the same number:

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1. (FIVE TIMES AMENDED) An integrated extendable load floor assembly for a vehicle having a rear end with a floor and sides extending upwardly and along the floor to form a cargo area with an opening, said integrated extendable load floor assembly comprising:

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